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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC f/k/a CONSUMERS NEW JERSEY WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHARGES WATER AND WASTEWATER

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDINGINCREASES, CHARGES ORALTERATIONS IN WATERRATES FOR SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR03120974
OAL DOCKET NO. PUCRS 00200-2004S

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On December 4, 2003, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, 48:2-21.1, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. f/k/a Consumers New Jersey Water Company (Company), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving water customers within certain portions of Waren, Hunterdon, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Monmouth and Gloucester counties, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates proposed to become effective on January 4, 2004.

On January 8, 2004, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. On January 9, 2004, the Board suspended these rates until May 4, 2004, pending a determination on the hearing on the justness and reasonableness of the Company's rates.

In light of the fact that this proceeding is pending before the Office of Administrative Law, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that the proposed revisions be and are hereby further suspended until September 4, 2004, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED: 4/28/04		BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:
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(SIGNED) KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY		

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